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SUBJ: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S ARMS FREEZE PROPOSAL

1. IN AN AUGUST 6 SPEECH COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF JUNIN, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA
FLOR REITERATED PREISDENT VELASCO'S JANUARY 9 PROPOSAL
THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN (NOT JUST ANDEAN) COUNTRIES FREEZE
MILITARY EXPENDITURES FOR A TEN YEAR PERIOD AND USE THE
RESOURCES THUS SAVED FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS. HE ADDED THAT THIS PROPOSAL ALREADY HAS THE
SUPPORT OF COUNTRIES WITHIN THE ANDEAN PACT.

2. DE LA FLOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE 150TH CELEBRATION
OF THE BATTLE OF AYACHUCHO ON DECEMBER 9 IN PERU WILL
REPRESENT A "VISIBLE SYMBOL OF LATIN AMERICAN UNITY".

3. COMMENT: THE CHILEAN EMBASSY'S MINISTER-COUNSELOR
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IN PERU RECENTLY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT AFTER THE

INITIAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES IN WHICH THE PERU-UVIANS MERELY RESTATED VELASCO'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR AN ARMS FREEZE AND THE CHILEANS RESPONDED IN A GENERALLY FAVORABLE MANNER, THERE HAS BEEN NO PERUVIAN ATTEMPT TO AMPLIFY THE PROPOSAL.

4. FONOFF OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT DESPITE RUMORS THAT SOME LATIN COUNTRIES (NOTABLY VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA) HAVE DEVELOPED SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ATTENDING THE DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS, PERU IS PROCEEDING AS BEFORE WITH ITS PLAN FOR THE AYACUCHO SUMMIT.
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